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SUBJECT: VOLGA-URAL RIVER BASIN POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT

USDOC FOR BEWT/TDAD/VAN DER BURGH

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO UNCOVER ANY INFORMATION ON A NEW POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CASPIAN OR VOLGA-URAL BASINS, DESPITE INQUIRIES AT HYDROMET AND MINISTRY OF LAND RECLAMATION AND WATER RESOURCES. IT WOULD APPEAR HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SUCH PROGRAM WOULD ESCAPE ATTENTION OF HYDROMET, WHICH HAS ALL-UNION COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS FIELD.

2. IN MARCH 1972 USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND CP USSR CENTRAL COMMITTEE ISSUED JOINT DECREE, ENTITLED "MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE VOLGA-URAL RIVER BASINS FROM UNTREATED WASTEWATERS," EXHORTING ALL RELEVANT MINISTERIES, AS WELL AS LOCAL AND REPUBLICAN AUTHORITIES, TO STEP UP EFFORTS AT CONTROLLING INDUSTRIAL AND MUNICIPAL POLLUTION OF RIVER BASINS. BECREE CALLS ON THESE

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ORGANIZATIONS TO UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC MEASURES DURING

1972-1975 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT IN 421 ENTERPRISES, AT A COST OF ABOUT 700 MILLION RUBLES, AND IN 15 CITIES, AT A COST OF MORE THAN 300 MILLION RUBLES. (EXCERPTS FROM DECREE PUBLISHED IN IZVESTIA MARCH 17, 1972; FULL DECREE UNDOUBTEDLY AVAILABLE FROM INR/SOV.)

3. ACCORDING TO HYDROMET, THE 1972 DECREE, WHICH REFERRED TO A TOTAL COST FOR CARRYING OUT PROGRAM OF ABOUT ONE BILLION RUBLES (\$1.43 BILLION AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE), DID NOT PROVIDE FOR CENTRALIZED BUDGET CONTROL FOR THE MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL ANTI-POLLUTION PROJECTS ENVISAGED. RATHER, RESPONSIBILITY AND FUNDING REMAINED DIFFUSED THROUGH SEVERAL MINISTRIES AND AT SEVERAL LEVELS (ALL-UNION, REPUBLICAN AND MUNICIPAL).

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION ON PROTECTION FROM POLLUTION WHICH IS BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT OF 1972, USDOC (BEWT/TDAD) MIGHT WIST TO CONTACT DR. WILLIAM BROWN, EPA'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE JOINT US-USSR COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION TO GET A HANDLE ON COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS IN THE SOVIET UNION.  
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